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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Mays

A RESOLUTION urging the establishment of an interim study committee on chronic kidney disease.

Whereas, Today more than 500,000 Hoosiers have a form of chronic kidney disease (CKD), thousands of whom have seriously reduced kidney functions that, if left untreated, may progress to a more severe level stage 5 or end stage renal disease (ESRD);

Whereas, In stage 5, the patient must undergo kidney dialysis several times a week or receive a kidney transplant;

Whereas, 633 people in Indiana are awaiting a kidney transplant and more than 7,000 are on dialysis, placing

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Indiana, per capita, 17th in the nation with patients on dialysis;

Whereas, Statistical studies indicate that in Indiana, as in the nation, African Americans and Hispanics suffer disproportionately from chronic kidney disease;

Whereas, African Americans make up about 12 percent of the nation's population but account for 33 percent of end stage kidney disease sufferers;

Whereas, ESRD is usually the result of years of chronic kidney disease caused by diabetes, high blood pressure, family history of CKD, or trauma to the kidneys;

Whereas, The treatment of chronic kidney disease, which is a major national health care expense, is projected to cost the national health care system 20 billion dollars by the year 2010 to treat more than 660,000 patients with kidney failure;

Whereas, Several commercial health plans have found that early diagnosis and effective treatment of CKD can prolong lives and delay the high costs of dialysis and/or transplantation;

Whereas, Existing cost-effective laboratory tests, calculations, and reporting can assist in the early diagnosis of chronic kidney disease;

Whereas, The National Kidney Foundation, the National Institute of Health, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders, and the National Kidney Disease Education Program have worked with many health care professionals to develop the nationally recognized Kidney Disease Outcome Quality Initiative (K/DOQI) guidelines; and

Whereas, The K/DOQI guidelines emphasize early screening and diagnosis of chronic kidney disease and provide sound guidance to physicians for effective intervention: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish an
2 interim study committee to study chronic kidney disease.

3 SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate
4 under the direction of the legislative council and that the committee
5 shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

